

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Norman Hanson on 3/31/10.

IN THE CLAIMS:

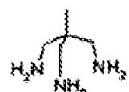
- 1.) In claim 1, please delete "R₁ is a functional group" and replace it with "R₁ is CN, SCN, O₂N, COOH, SH, or a bromoacetamido group".
- 2.) Cancel claims 2 and 14-20.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The application has been amended as follows:

- 1.) On page 3 of the specification, please delete "[0012] Figure 1" and replace it with "[0012] Figures 1a and 1b".

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the



compound TAME [1,1,1-tris(aminomethyl)ethane]  is known in the art but is not



known to be substituted by the ether group

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELISSA PERREIRA whose telephone number is (571)272-1354. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Hartley can be reached on 571-272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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